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## *The University of Dayton*

## *News Release*

### SUN CAR ON DISPLAY AT UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON

DAYTON, Ohio, November 21, 1988--A solar-powered car that recently won a race across Australia will be on display in the University of Dayton's Mechanical Engineering Building on Monday, Dec. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Hughes Aircraft and General Motors representatives will be on hand to answer questions at the event, which is free and open to the public. Formal letters of invitation will be extended to about 600 prospective engineering students from several area high schools.

Designed by Hughes Aircraft, a subsidiary of General Motors, the "Sunraycer" finished a 1,950-mile contest in Australia two-and-a-half days before the second-place finisher. The car averaged 41.6 miles per hour during the race and 70 miles per hour in pre-race trials.

The Sunraycer competed against 24 solar-powered vehicles from seven nations. The car's battery, which stores solar energy, was used for speed leveling between sunny and cloudy conditions. The Sunraycer experienced no electronic or mechanical failures during the five-and-a-half day contest--just three anticipated flat tires.

After leading the 1988 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade as "Pace Car of the Future," the Sunraycer began visiting auto shows; engineering, technology and solar energy conferences; and high schools and universities across the country. The vehicle was in Dayton earlier this year at General Motor's annual new car show.

For further information, contact Tina Williams, a General Motors representative, at 455-6323.